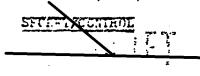
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Number of T/O Positions appropriated for in budget for fiscal year 1948 -- 63,300, excluding horder and Paramilitary Police and the berli east sector.

- d. The organization and strength of the police in the Soviet Zone was naturally affected by political developments. Inia resulted in an increase over the total appropriated T/O strength. The first of these major changes occurred in February 1948 when the German Administration of the Interior, acting upon orders of the UVE, SMA, established a specialized border Police force consisting of 3,700 men, drawn mostly from the Schutzpolizei (Uniformed Constability) of the major cities in the Soviet Zone. This force was expanded in the last week of March when the strength of the Border Folice was established at around 10,000 men. The Border Police was organized along military lines and was better paid and fed than the ordinary German police. Nevertheless, the proximity of the border represented an attraction which many of the border policemen apparently could not resist. As a result, the force undergoes a constant attrition through desertions and its present effective strength is estimated by a very reliable source as 6,700.
- e. A second major development affecting the strength of the Soviet Zone police was the virtual integration of the Berlin east sector police, under former Police President Paul Markgraf, into the eastern zone police apparatus. The strength or the Berlin eastern sector police is estimated as 8,641.
- f. The third, and perhaps most significant, major increase in the strength of the Soviet Zone police resulted from the organization of the so-called Polizeibereitschaften, referred to as "Alert-Police", "Kasernierte Polizei", or paramilitary police. This organization, recruited predominantly from among former German priseners of war in Russia and led to a large extent by professional officers including former German generals, came into being during the late summer of 1948. Since its initial appearance it has become a subject of intense controversy, rumors, and exaggeration. Its strength was spoken of in terms of hundreds of thousands, actual or planned. The facts, as usual, are not quite so spectacular. While the organization of this paramilitary police force is most significant (and, incidentally, definitely contrary to the Potadam declaration) and may hereld the organization of a "People's Army" in the eastern zone of Germany, the present strength of its organization is somewhat less than 10,000 men, although an expansion to 17,000 is plenned in the very near future.
- g. Since the paramilitary police has become a subject of such intense controversy, it may be well to review the information on the basis of which the present strength of the paramilitary police force is estimated at less than 10,000:
  - (1) A copy has been received of a letter from Vice-President Seifert of the German Administration of the Interior to Lt. Col. Golovley of the Internal Affairs Directorate, SMA, Berlin-Farlshorst. The letter (dated 4 September 1946) is a request on benalf of the German Administration of the Interior to the UVD, SMA, for the relaxation of



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insight negalations, and its bullest in: "Temporary Financing of the Ferbuilltary Police from the Budget for the Fiscal Year 1944"; The following in abouted from the body of the letter:

"The German Adrinistration of the Interior is at this time faced with the urgent task of organizing and developing the Folizeitereitschaften (paramilitary or alert police). In order to pay the newly employed personnel of the paramilitary police we must utilize all musted appropriations which were to be expended during the budget year 1948 for the payment of police personnel. These unused appropriations are available because the police is well under strength It has been established that roughly 15,000 positions prescribed by the Tables of Organization are presently unoccupied; is a result of the great difficulty we are encountering in finding the appropriate number of personnel for the police service.

"As it stands, however, the budget regulations do not permit the full utilization of the unexpended appropriations. Under the regulations, payment of an individual must be made only on basis of an available T/O position. Nost of the available T/O slots, however, call for the grade of Wachtmeister (patrolman) -- thus a considerable proportion of the now-to-be-employed Alert Police cannot be paid from these T/O appropriations because of their higher rank, including generals, which requires pay in excess of the appropriations."

Vice-Fresident Selfert's letter then discusses ways and means of arranging transfer of unexpended appropriated police funds but states that nothing can be don without the approval of the Finance Directorate of the SMA.

- (2) The above letter warrants the following conclusions:
  - (a) The police in the Soviet Zone was on 4 September 1948 15,000 men under the strength authorized by the Tables of Organization for the Fiscal Year 1948.
  - (b) The number of paramilitary police foreseen on 4 September 1948 was certainly less than 15,000, but the funds required for their salary were in excess of the appropriation for the 15,000 unfilled positions; this is due to the fact that a considerable number of paramilitary police receive a higher rate of pay than the patrolmen of the ordinary police.
  - (c) sudget regulations must be observed by the German police; consequently Table of Organization strength, as authorized by the budget, can safely be regarded as the maximum strength.
- (3) A reliable and well-placed source gave the following inform mation on the location of paramilitary police units (Bereise schaften):

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The above distribution of paramilitary police strength was confirmed independently for Brandenburg and the City of Berlin by the deputy commander of the Schutzpolizei in one of the larger cities of Brandenburg, and by a field-grade officer of the S"A for Land Saxony. In view of these confirmations the strength distribution for the other three Lander is to be regarded as probably accurate.

The basic paradilitary police unit (Bereitschaft) consists of 250 men. Assuming that each unit is filled to the required T/O strength, the following are the figures on paramilitary police strength by Lärder:

Mecklenburg Saxony-Animalt Brandenburg Berlin Thuringia	1,000 1,750 1,500 2,500 2,500
Saxony	2,500
Total	9,500

BEST COPY AVAILABLE As stated before, precent plans call for an expansion of the paramilitary police to 15,000 men. It may be assumed that the German Administration of the Interior will attempt to reach that figure as soon as possible and that paramilitary police units, in edition to the ones listed above, will be organized as the necessity arises. But a recent report from a leading official at dilbelmsruh to the President of the GAI, Dr. Eurt Fischer, stated: "... Pecruiting of the paramilitary police proceeds very slowly and it is believed to be doubtful that the required number of men, in addition to other long unfilled police strength requirements, could be



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It should be emphasized, however, that these figures on the strength of the Soviet Zone German police must be considered tentative to the extent that they cannot take into consideration the unbelievably rapid turn-over of police personnel. As stated before, large-scale dismissals and mass recruitment of future police personnel from factories and prisoner-of-war comps are daily occurrences and would necessitate a daily revision of the strength figures. This, obviously, cannot be undertaken. It is probable, however, that the mass recruitment of personnel just about covers the mass dismissals. Thus, while there may be as much as 15% difference either may between the strength figures given above and the actual strength on a certain day, it is believed that the over-all figure given stove is a reasonably accurate figure of Soviet Zone police strength, although a margin of error of from 5 to 6% must always be considered a possibility.

## 3. Armament of Police

- a. The armament of municipal (including Land) police consists primarily of semi-autometic pistols of various calibers and manufacture. As an example, in a letter to the President of the German Administration of the Interior, the Chief of the Saxony-Anhalt police stated that his force was equipped with pistols of 72 different manufactures and 4 different calibers.
- b. The Border Police are equipped with the K 98 German Army infantry carbine, semi-automatic pistols, and submachine gund. The latter are partly old Russian cartridge-drum type weapons, partly the all-metal MP 44 used by the German Army in the last stages of the war.
- c. The paraullitary police also has as its basic weapon the K 98 carbine. There are also two MP 44 submachine guns for every ten-man squad and 10 "C8" heavy machine guns (water-cooled) for every "Bereitschaft" unit, the T/O strength of which is 250 men. The introduction of the CO mm. httpy mortar for these units is planned but not yet accomplished.
- d. To date the German police (including paramilitary units) have neither artillery nor armored cars or tanks although the introduction of such offensive weapons is frequently discussed unofficially even among high-ranking officials of the German Alministration of the Interior. He urring rumors about German armored units may be safely discounted.

## 4. Armed Organizations in the Soviet Zone in Addition to the Police

In addition to the "regular" police organizations discussed above, the German Administration of the Interior in conjunction with the German Economic Commission (D $\vec{u}$ ) is presently engaged in organizing a uniform and centralized factory security system. In place of



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individual accurity arrangements made by each factory, with locally hired night wateren, the GAI plans to introduce a uniform "Fabrikannutr" (factory protection) throughout the Soviet Come. Existing factory guard units and those night watermen who are physically fit will be marged with the new organization, which will be equipped with weapons and uniforms. Eventually all reliable aembers of the OFD are expected to join a "Fabrikachutz" ifactory protection) organization. In this connection a leading official of the derman Administration of the Interior stated that unile the above measures are in a preliminary stage, the "Fabrikachutz" when fully organized may be considered as auxiliary police and might logically lead to the organization of an armed workers' militia. Frerent (very tentative) plans call for a strength of 65,000 men.

## Flanned Increase in the Strength of German Telier in the Soviet Tene

The German administration of the interior is making plans to increase the strength of the Soviet fone police to nearly double its present size. In view of the shortage of available manpower in the Soviet Zone and the obvious reluctance of the population to accept the police as the "Feople's Folize" which Communist propagands claims it to be, it appears to be extracely dubious that the ambitious plans of the GAJ could be fulfilled in the foreceable future. In any case, no reliable estimate on the proposed strength can be made until work on the new police budget commences. This is expected to be sometime in January 1949.

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